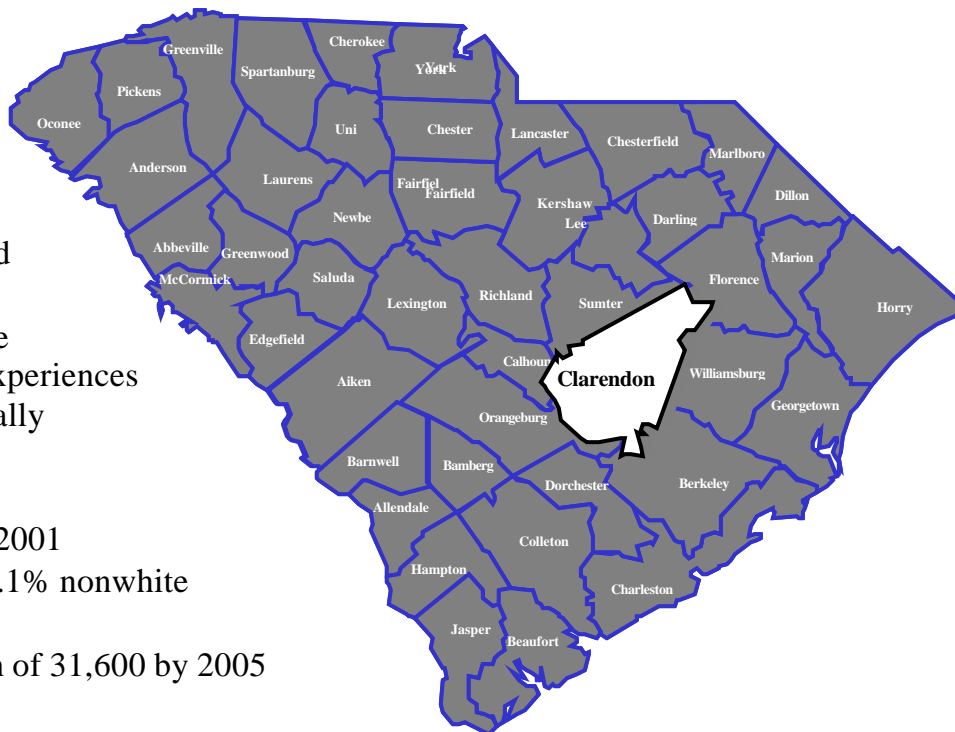


Spotlight on Clarendon County...

Location & Climate

- Located in the Central area of the state
- Surrounded by Berkeley, Calhoun, Florence, Orangeburg, Sumter, and Williamsburg Counties
- This climatic region has an average temperature of 63.3 degrees and experiences 46.83 inches of precipitation annually



Population

- Equaled approximately 32,789 in 2001
- Comprised of 44.9% white and 55.1% nonwhite
- Median age was 37.0 years old
- Has exceeded its estimated growth of 31,600 by 2005

Labor Force

- Increased from 13,160 in 2001 to 13,260 in 2002
- Unemployment fell from 8.9% in 2001 to 8.1% in 2002

Employment

- Average monthly employment for the County was 12,190 in 2002

Per Capita Income

- Per capita income for the County was \$18,249 in 2001
- It was 73% of the state's PCI of \$24,840

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

The Sumter Workforce Center, which serves Clarendon and Sumter Counties, paid \$10,849,452 in regular U.I. benefits during calendar year 2002.

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